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1. The LSM SAN RAFAEL, of Dominican Republic registry, arrived in Rio de Janeiro on 5 September 1948 and departed for Ciudad Trujillo on 16 September. The ship was moored to the Brazilian Navy Yard docks at Ilha das Cobras and loaded approximately 900 tons of cargo, including 81mm. mortar shells, 105mm. howitzer shells, uniforms, and other army equipment.
2. As deck cargo, the ship carried 6 "U.S. Army type" armoured vehicles. These vehicles are reported by another source as being U.S. Army scout cars from which part of the body has been removed and which have been equipped with a trailer hitch to haul semi-trailers. It is also reported that three light tanks with one small gun forward were put aboard the ship shortly after its arrival in Rio, but they were subsequently unloaded. [REDACTED] Comment: Efforts are being made to ascertain the origin of the scout cars, to determine, if possible, whether or not they were part of the equipment furnished to Brazil under the lend-lease agreement.)
3. The ship's master stated that this was the third visit of the SAN RAFAEL to Rio, and that he expects to return very shortly for another load of war material.

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